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SUBJECT: NAMSA AND TURKEY

1. SEC GEN LUNS TOLD AMBASSADOR ON MARCH 16 THAT TURKISH PERM REP KIRCA HAD COME TO HIM TO COMPLAIN THAT U.S. WAS NOW ATTEMPTING TO EXTEND ITS EMBARGO AND MAKE IT ALLIANCE WIDE BY PERSUADING OTHER NATO ALLIES TO ADOPT POLICY OF "NOT USING NAMSA" AS SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR TURKEY. LUNS SAID HE HAD DISSUADED KIRCA FROM RAISING ISSUE IN NAC BUT ASKED WHAT WE COULD DO TO CALM KIRCA AND AVOID A TURKISH OUTBURST.

2. AMBASSADOR OUTLINED HISTORY OF TURKEY/NAMSA/US ISSUE STRESSING EFFORT MADE TO MITIGATE IMPACT ON TURKEY OF U.S. POSITION ON NAMSA SALES. HE UNDERScoreD IN STRONG TERMS THAT USG WAS NOT RPT NOT SEEKING TO PERSUADE OTHER ALLIES TO STOP SUPPLYING TURKEY THROUGH NAMSA AND THAT WE OURSELVES NEVER "STOPPED" SUCH ACTIONS WHERE IT INVOLVED U.S. ITEMS, BUT WERE OBLIGED TO COUNT SUCH SALES AGAINST LIMITS SET BY CONGRESS. AMBASSADOR NOTED OUR INTEREST IN NAMSA ACTIVITIES VIS-A-VIS TURKEY ARE ONLY CONNECTED WITH OUR
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NEED TO REMAIN INFORMED OF TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING U.S. EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO MEET CONGRESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

3. LUNS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR AMBASSADOR'S EXPLANATION AND PROMISED TO RELAY IT TO KIRCA.

4. COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO TELL WHETHER KIRCA WAS

ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS OR WHETHER, AS IS SOMETIMES THE
CASE, HE HAS DECIDED TO EMULATE RECENT TOUGHER TURKISH
LINE BY AN ACTION OF HIS OWN. BENNETT

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